

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
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September 7, 1961

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Government Employees Health Assn., Inc.
P. O. Box 463
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The attached Order changes the effective date of changes in enrollment during the open season for enrollees in a group practice prepayment plan (Pacific Health Plan) whose contract will not be renewed at the end of the present contract period.

The Order is self-explanatory. We are not unmindful of the obligation of the Commission to secure agreement from all participating carriers to any changes in the regulations which would increase the carrier's liability during a contract period. However, because of the time element involved and because of the very limited degree of potential increased liability, we believe this course of action is indicated.

Members presently enrolled in Pacific Health Plan will be notified individually of this change in their effective date of enrollment in a new plan. Payroll offices will also be notified of this exception to the general rule governing open season changes. You should inform the appropriate offices in your organization so there will be no confusion in accepting a Form 2809 from employees previously enrolled in enrollment codes 601 through 606. Should you receive such a SF 2809, the effective date will be prior to November 1, 1961 in most instances.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew E. Ruddock

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Director

Enclosure

ORDER

The contract with Pacific Health Plan is being discontinued at the end of the present contract period. Pacific Health Plan has requested that individual enrollments be terminated no later than October 31, 1961. The Commission considers this to be a reasonable request under the circumstances.

In view of the time required to notify carriers, employing officers, and employees and annuitants enrolled with Pacific Health Plan of the changes in effective date of enrollment, the Commission finds that notice and public procedure on this order are impracticable.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by section 10 of Public Law 86-382 (5 U.S.C. 3009), it is ordered that changes of enrollment during the open season, October 1 through 16, 1961, by persons then enrolled with Pacific Health Plan, will become effective at the end of the last day of the last pay period ending before November 1, 1961; and

That all carriers having contracts with the Commission for the first or second contract period be notified of this order.

This order is effective October 1, 1961.

By direction of the Commission:

/Signed/

Mary V. Wenzel
Executive Assistant to the
Commissioners